

By: Smith of Harris

H.R. No. 2146

R E S O L U T I O N

1 WHEREAS, The Honorable Jennifer Elrod has been nominated by
2 President George W. Bush to serve on the United States Court of
3 Appeals for the Fifth Circuit; and

4 WHEREAS, A former resident of Baytown, where she attended
5 Ross S. Sterling High School, Judge Elrod earned her bachelor's
6 degree at Baylor University and went on to graduate from Harvard Law
7 School in 1992; after serving as a law clerk to Judge Sim Lake of the
8 U.S. District Court for the Southern District of Texas, she
9 practiced in the trial department of top national firm Baker Botts,
10 L.L.P.; and

11 WHEREAS, This accomplished jurist currently serves her
12 fellow citizens on the 190th Civil District Court in Houston;
13 appointed to the bench by Governor Rick Perry in 2002, she was
14 elected later that same year, and again in 2006, when she ran
15 unopposed; and

16 WHEREAS, Long dedicated to giving back to her community,
17 Judge Elrod has provided pro bono services to individuals in need
18 and chaired the board of the Gulf Coast Legal Foundation, now Lone
19 Star Legal Aid, which is one of the largest providers of legal aid
20 to the poor in Texas; her notable efforts in this regard earned her
21 the Thomas Gibbs Gee Award for Outstanding Pro Bono Work from Baker
22 Botts; and

23 WHEREAS, Through her dedication and service to the judicial
24 system, Judge Elrod has helped to protect and defend our nation's

1 foundation of law, on which all American liberties and rights so
2 firmly rest; now, therefore, be it

3 RESOLVED, That the House of Representatives of the 80th Texas
4 Legislature hereby congratulate the Honorable Jennifer Elrod on her
5 nomination to the United States Court of Appeals for the Fifth
6 Circuit and extend to her best wishes for success in her future
7 endeavors; and, be it further

8 RESOLVED, That an official copy of this resolution be
9 prepared for Judge Elrod as an expression of high regard by the
10 Texas House of Representatives.